

[25th August, 1926]

- A.—(a) The Government have no information.
 (b) The question whether the future extension of irrigation under the Periyar system should be in Madura and Melur taluks or in the Cumbum valley is under consideration.
 (c) The need for an improved water-supply in these villages has been brought to notice more than once, but no scheme has yet been devised which is financially practicable.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to the answer given to clause (c), may I know whether the Government have had any scheme at all till now ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ Yes, but no scheme has yet been devised which is financially practicable. That is a matter for the local board concerned.”

Progress in the schemes of pumping.

* 2292 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the undertaking given at the Legislative Council meeting of 21st March 1924, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the progress made in the deliberations as to the relative values of the two alternative schemes of pumping referred to therein and the conclusions, if any, arrived at as the result of those deliberations ?

A.—The question of irrigation by pumping and of well irrigation with electric power is still under consideration by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Director of Agriculture, and no final decision has yet been reached. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 11 of the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation which was laid on the Council table on the 3rd November 1925 along with the preliminary report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ In the answer given to this question, it is stated that the question of irrigation by pumping, etc., is still under consideration. In the meanwhile, will Government give facilities to private individuals to undertake such work ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is a suggestion for action.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I want to know whether Government have afforded facilities.”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I must ask for notice of this question.”

Investigation of the Hagari scheme.

* 2293 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the statement of the hon. the Law Member in his speech printed at page 281, of Volume 29 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, dated 19th March 1926, that the question of appointing a staff for the investigation of the Hagari scheme has been referred to the Revenue Department for remarks and that orders will be passed thereon immediately after the receipt of the report, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the report has been received and the necessary establishment has been sanctioned ?